From: Michelle Martin (ACRP)
To: COH - Mayor
Subject: LAST CALL: ACRP Breakfast featuring Dr. David Alexander discussing the Houston"s Spaceport
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 7:19:55 AM

Please Join Us for Breakfast

Date:
Thursday, January 28, 2016
7:00 am - 8:30 am

Location:
Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston, TX 77027

Cost:
Members - No Charge
Guests - $40

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Dr. David Alexander
Director, Rice Space Institute
Professor, Physics and Astronomy
Rice University

In June 2015, the FAA announced that the City of Houston would be home to the 10th licensed commercial spaceport. Located at Ellington Airport, this would offer the nation's fourth-largest city a focal point for aerospace innovation --- a regional center for a cluster of aerospace activities including:

- Component and composite development and fabrication
- Space vehicle assembly
- Zero-gravity scientific and medical experiments
- Microsatellites
- Astronaut training and development
- Space Tourism

About Dr. Alexander

David Alexander is a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, where his primary area of research is solar astrophysics. As Director, Professor Alexander is responsible for the mission and direction required to develop and achieve the goals and objectives of the institute.

Professor Alexander is a member of the Rice Faculty Senate and author of "The Sun" part of the Greenwood Press "Guide to the Universe" Series. He received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2004 and was appointed a Kavli Frontiers Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences in 2006. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Solar Physics Division of the American Astronomy Society, and Chair of the Mauna Loa Solar Observatory Users' Committee. He is also former Chair of the Solar Heliospheric Interplanetary Environment (SHINE) program. Professor Alexander has served on many national and professional committees including the NASA Advisory Council's Heliophysics Subcommittee, the NASA Solar Heliospheric Management and Operations Working Group (SH-MOWG), ESA/NASA Solar Orbiter Payload Committee and the Science Advisory Board of the High Altitude Observatory Coronal Solar Magnetism Observatory.

Professor Alexander joined the faculty at Rice in 2003, coming from the Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Center in Palo Alto, California where he was a Staff Physicist working on the development of advanced space missions for solar physics. He received his Bachelor of Science in Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, and his doctorate on Relativistic Cosmological Models from the University of Glasgow.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February Kick-Off to Cook-Off
Taps House of Beer
February 23, 2016
5:00pm-7:00pm

March Breakfast: Speaker TBD
March 24, 2016
7:00am - 8:30am

Award Luncheon
April 28, 2016
Maggiano's
11:30am - 1:00pm

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